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State Transportation Commission adopts toll range for SR 167 HOT lanes

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Transportation Commission today adopted a minimum and maximum toll range for the State Route 167 high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes pilot project.

Immediately following a public hearing on the proposed range, the Commission adopted an amendment to the Washington administrative code (WAC) that describes the variable toll rate and vehicles exempt from paying tolls. Exempt vehicles include transit buses, two-plus carpools, vanpools and motorcycles.

HOT lanes allow solo drivers to pay an electronic toll to use carpool lanes previously reserved for vehicles with two or more occupants. Toll rates will fluctuate based on congestion factors, including time of day, traffic volumes, and traffic flow. Commissioners adopted a minimum toll rate of 50 cents for solo drivers who choose to use the HOT lanes during periods of little or no congestion. A maximum toll rate of \$9 will be charged during peak travel periods when the demand for the lane is the highest. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) officials expect the SR 167 HOT lanes will be operational in spring 2008. The toll range may be adjusted as the four-year pilot project progresses.

The Commission's adoption of a toll range will allow WSDOT to move forward with the implementation of tolls on this project. The WAC amendment is scheduled to become effective on April 7, 2008.

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